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Presented for filing is a new divisional patent application of:

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Title: HEPADNAVIRUS PRE-S PROTEIN FRAGMENTS

The prior application is assigned of record to The General Hospital Corporation, a Massachusetts corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on December 13, 1996 at 8349/0426.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Specification	56
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Enclosures:

- Information Disclosure Statement, 1 page.
- Form PTO-1449, 4 pages, listing documents cited in the parent application(s). Please confirm that these have been considered in this

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This application is a divisional (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of USSN 09/361,707, filed July 27, 1999, now allowed, which is a divisional of USSN 08/683,262, filed July 18, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,929,220, which claims benefit from USSN 60/001,371, filed July 21, 1995. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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